

## **Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center**

### **News on the Beal Front – December 7, 2015**

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#### 1. A note from the Principal

I hope everyone is enjoying the unseasonably warm and dry weather as we continue through this very busy stretch between Thanksgiving and December breaks. The next two and a half weeks leading up to December Vacation will be very busy at Beal as well, as teachers and staff have planned many great learning experiences related to the holiday and winter seasons. This is also the time of year where we continue to work on the developing an understanding of community, both here at Beal and in a the greater context of Shrewsbury. One place where this is evident is in our “Warming Up Winter” drive, where the Beal staff and students are collecting new gloves, mittens, hats, and socks for those who could use support in keeping warm this winter. The deadline is this Wednesday for those who are still looking to participate.\*Tomorrow, Tuesday, December 8th is our first early release day across the district. Staff will be engaged in various trainings relative to their departments, with our classroom teachers using the time to further develop their skills of planning, teaching, and assessing students in mathematics. Please note below the schedule for Beal with specifics to dismissal procedures. Please don’t hesitate to reach us at (508) 841-8860 with any questions about early release days

#### Early Release days at Beal affect the following programs:-

**Full day Kindergarten and Grade 1-** 12:30 p.m. dismissal (There will be a three hour difference in transportation times. Please allow extra time for differences in midday traffic patterns.)

**1/2 day a.m. Kindergarten-** no change in dismissal

**1/2 day p.m. Kindergarten-** no school

**Beal Extended Day-** open for operations beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**\*\*Only students scheduled for that day of the week may attend the Extended Day program.**

Sincerely,

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## 2. Beal Media Center news

The Beal Media Center is asking for donations of used craft supplies, manipulatives, and other various materials to contribute to an upcoming project. If you would like to donate, please follow the link to access the suggested supply list attached below.

[Beal Makerspace donations](#)

## 3. Warming Up Winter

The Beal Community is “Warming Up Winter” by collecting new gloves, mittens, hats and socks for infants, children, teens and adults. Now that the cold weather is here, the need for these items has greatly increased. All items will be donated to local charities and school children in need. Please send donations to school with your child by this Wednesday, December 9th. Thanks in advance for your donations and continued support!

## 4. News from the nurse

This unexpected string of warm weather has been very nice, however in the event that this trend moves to more seasonable weather, I thought I'd share a few things with you about clothing and footwear when the snow decides to come: \* Please remember to send shoes or sneakers in your child's backpack if they wear their boots to school. They will need to change out of their boots for comfort while inside and cannot walk around in their stocking feet. This is especially important on gym days, as boots are not allowed on the gym floor and they could end up sitting out during gym class activities.\* With the exception of intensely cold, wet, or windy winter days, the children will go out for recess. They need to have mittens, gloves and hats with them every day. Take note of your child's teacher's newsletter for details about snow pants and boots.~

Jill Wensky,

Beal Nurse

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5. Upcoming dates and events

Tuesday, December 8th- Early Release Day for staff professional development

Tuesday, December 15th- PTO Meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium

Monday, December 21st- Trimester 1 report cards issued

Thursday, December 24th-Friday, January 1st- December Vacation- **No School**

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Have a great week!